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In re Application of Group Art Unit: 3732 Robert B. Citron Examiner: Manahan Serial No. 09/851,356 Filed: May 8, 2001 Docket No. MEDTRON-39755 For: SURGICAL TRIMMING TOOL

AMENDMENT

Box Amendment - FEE **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated July 23, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, the following is submitted:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim(s) 5 and 10-12.

Please amend claim(s) 1 and 7 as follows:

MEDTRON-39755 SERIAL NO. 09/851,356 **RESPONSE**